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In response to the Official Action of January 3, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the application and that the application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and the following discussion.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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